



Check out Sports,
page 6, to catch up
with former Wildcat
basketball player
Cartier Martin.

Supplying Their Minds



A photograph of Afghan girls waiting for school supplies was projected during the Vernon Larson Luncheon Series Tuesday at the Holiday Inn. **Gary LaGrange** presented the speech "Caring for School Children in Afghanistan and Iraq" to an audience of about 30.

Donating school supplies helps Vietnam, Iraqi literacy

Carrie Gilliam | COLLEGIAN

In 1967, Gary LaGrange's military unit pushed in a house in Vietnam. The unit was used to searching houses with no residents, but this house was different. In a corner of the house was a little girl on her knees crying.

"This is wrong; we should be winning these people over," LaGrange said to himself when he saw the little girl.

After witnessing this, LaGrange sparked an idea to help children, which was the topic of the lecture "Caring for School Children in Afghanistan and Iraq" yesterday afternoon in the Holiday Inn Ballroom.

LaGrange said his unit later helped rebuild the tiny shack the girl was living in and started reaching out to the children of Vietnam. He explained that most of the schools were empty all year and children never went to school. A priest in Vietnam reached out to LaGrange and said, "Help my children and you will begin to earn my trust."

"We reached into our pockets to hire the first teacher for \$12," LaGrange said.

This effort continued, and over 4,000 pounds of school supplies from Minnesota were sent to seven different schools in Vietnam, LaGrange said. After the soldiers started reaching out to the children, terrorism attacks in Vietnam went down.

"A similar opportunity exists in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said.

LaGrange explained 60 percent of Afghanistan's population is of school age but only one out of 10 people across the country can read or write. Forty-five percent of Iraq's population is age 16 and under, but the schools, if open, are only open from October through June. LaGrange said education has not been stressed but education is

exactly what the population wants.

The organization Help Us Learn Give Us Hope started in January 2008. According to the group's Web site, it initially supplied seven schools with 2,500 children. Other units became aware of this and asked to be included, and the organization has now grown to help more than 600,000 children. More than 310,000 pounds of supplies and 304,000 books have been donated as of Jan. 1, 2010.

LaGrange said the effort can start anywhere, either in a fifth grade classroom or a church. The group can either donate supplies or money for shipment. He said his organization asked a U.S. school for all of the excess school supplies their students did not want and collected enough for 2,000 children in Iraq. The supplies were then packed by volunteers and prepared for shipment.

"We have a shipment a week for 600 to 1,200 children," LaGrange said.

The main cost of the operation is shipment because supplies are shipped through the post office. LaGrange added that most supplies have been sitting for almost ten years in crates because the military does not have a system to get them out and are often too busy.

The only contract is with the army to assure the supplies get to the hands of the children, LaGrange said. If the supplies went through the Iraq or Afghanistan government they might end up on the Monday morning market.

Former governor of Kansas Sebelius opened up a collection point in Manhattan about 14 months ago.

LaGrange said before the soldiers handed out supplies to children no one would talk to them and the soldiers could not accomplish anything. Now, the areas that were once abandoned are having people asking about school supplies, asking about the sol-



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

At the Holiday Inn Tuesday, **Gary LaGrange** spoke about the illiteracy rates in Afghanistan and Iraq. He said the book distribution program has issued hundreds of thousands of school supplies, however, more are needed due to the amount of need in the southwest Asian countries.

diers and sharing information.

"We have accomplished more than we have in years," LaGrange said. "It is amazing what happens when you reach out to children."

LaGrange ended his lecture by urging people to help.

He offered his phone number out to anyone that would like to help. LaGrange can be contacted at 785-537-7493 or visit the group's Web site at Helpuslearngiveushope.org.

CITY COMMISSION

Food safety inspector requested

Vestoria Simmons | COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission met Tuesday night for its regular work session followed by a special city commission meeting.

K-State President Kirk Schulz began the meeting with updates on the university.

"The future of the University is bright," he said.

Schulz discussed plans to improve the university such as ensuring appropriate business practices are put in place. He pointed out in his presentation that "The university needs to ensure that there is appropriate oversight of University funds and that there are reasonable checks and balances in place."

He also discussed issues concerning budget cuts and the stadium in the meeting.

After the updates on K-State, the commission discussed a request from Riley County/Manhattan Board of Health regarding the food safety position at the Health Department, annexing and rezoning Grand Bluffs at Mill Pointe, and a roundabout on Fourth Street and Bluemont Avenue.

The Board of Health requested that the city and county commissions restore local funding to maintain the position for food safety inspector and re-establish a local food safety program.

Recently, the responsibility for food service inspections at the state level shifted to the Kansas Department of Agriculture. As a way to cut down the budget, the department discontinued a number of county food service contracts, and the one for Riley County, as of Jan. 9. Accordingly, the Health Department lost about \$60,000 in annual funding that was used to support a full-time food safety worker.

Charles R. Murphy, Administrator of the Riley County Health Department, explained the role of a food safety inspector. He stated that its main purpose is to stop the spread of contagious diseases in Manhattan and make sure people get proper care for diseases. The food safety inspector is also

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MHS volleyball coach retiring

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

Shake together nine tournament appearances, one championship and 10 All-State players and strain into a cocktail glass, and what do you have? One cool Martini that never fails to please.

Lori Martini is the decorated head volleyball coach for Manhattan High School. Throughout her 26-year coaching career, she has amassed a swath of state- and league-recognized athletes, a Kansas 6A championship after a long history of tournament appearances and an overall 365-156 record. And now she's retiring.

According to a news release, Martini is stepping down as head coach after concluding her 11th year at Manhattan High School with a third-place state tournament finish and 38-5 record. Terry McCarty, principal at Manhattan High School, said Martini has been a significant contribution to the school.

"Coach Martini has been an amazing coach throughout her years as the head coach at Manhattan High

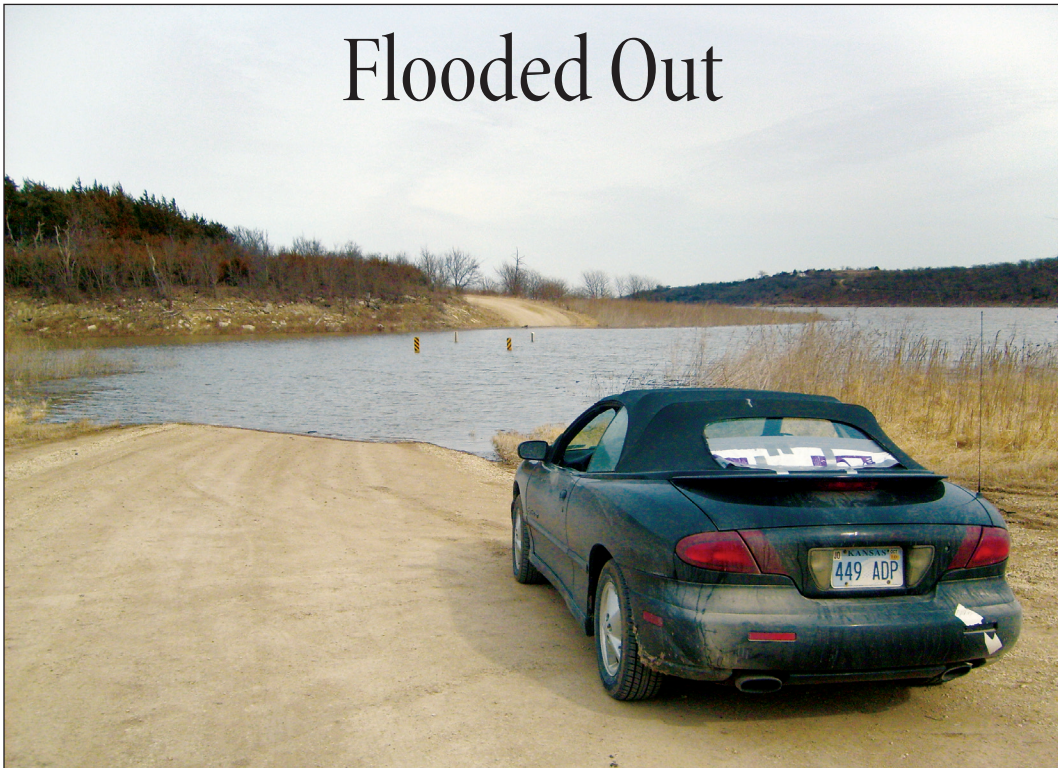
School," McCarty said. "She has made a tremendous impact on establishing MHS as a consistent Top 10 team in class 6A. We are grateful for her dedication to the student athletes of Manhattan High School and wish her the best."

McCarty said the reason for Martini leaving centers around personal commitments to her family.

"Coach Martini's decision to step down as the head coach of the Manhattan High School Volleyball team is a culmination covering much thought and conversation and her desire to devote her time to her family and to following Lyndsey (her daughter) in her college volleyball career," McCarty said.

Alongside the previously mentioned accomplishments and others, Martini has coached twice in the All-State games and mentored 14 athletes who continued the sport at the collegiate level and 56 with an All-League first- or second-team appearance. She also coached two celebrated Wildcats, Molly Lindquist and Megan Farr.

Flooded Out



Rachel Spicer | COLLEGIAN

Stockdale Park Road is blocked by flood waters due to the recent snow melting. Tuttle Creek is currently 9.87 feet high and being pulled through the dam at 200 cubic feet per second. Many area creeks that are normally dry have water flowing through them.



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1 Satan's minions

5 Afternoon get-together

8 Burn somewhat

12 Paint layer

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14 Sitarist's music style

15 And so forth

17 "— Named Sue"

18 "Super-man" star

19 Wreak havoc on

21 Big fair

24 D.C. title

25 Become a member

28 Reed instrument

30 Moray, for example

33 Samovar

34 La Scala show

35 Kanga's kid

36 Sleuth

37 Part of a three-piece suit

38 Slamming sound

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41 Being, to Brutus

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50 Sleeping

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56 Tend texts

57 Celebrity

58 Knight's address

59 Lasso

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5 Pirouette pivot

6 Listener

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9 "Carmen" number

10 Enthusiastic, plus

11 Martha of comedy

16 Ritter of Westerns

22 Benedict XVI, e.g.

23 Unpleasantly plump

25 Stick out

26 Raw rock

27 Secretly

29 Doggie bag fill

31 Quite some time

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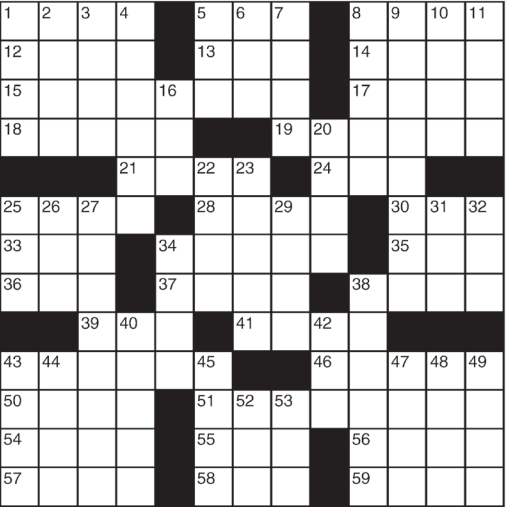
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Yesterday's answer 3-24



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Yesterday's Cryptogram: NEW EDUCATIONAL SHOW ABOUT THE BODY STRUCTURES OF SOME FLATTENED FISHES: "RAY'S ANATOMY."

Today's Cryptogram Clue: E equals Y

DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

MONDAY

Brittney Lynne Von Elling, 2317 Candlewood Drive, was arrested at 2:06 a.m. for driving under the influence.

Kristopher Paul Meis, Salina, was arrested at 10:01 a.m. for battery.

Harold Bellamy, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested at 10:30 a.m. for driving under the influence.

Tina Norene Leonard, homeless, was arrested at 10:45 a.m. for criminal trespass and violation of a protective order.

Miguel Angel Prieto Bustillos, 2216 Claflin Road, was arrested at 12:05 p.m. for furnishing alcohol to minors.

Michael Masoud Dee, 2216 Claflin Road, was arrested at 1:19 p.m. for five counts of furnishing alcohol to minors.

Keaton Lee Goedert, 1126 Thurston St., was arrested at 1:25 p.m. for battery, criminal restraint and aggravated intimidation of a witness.

Stephen Alan Mumford Jr., 323 Poyntz Ave., was arrested at 2:30 p.m. for probation violation.

Molly Ann Sexton, 1745 Wildcat Creek Road, was arrested at 3:35 p.m. for failure to appear.

Dashawn Earl Williams, Ogden, was arrested at 5:35 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license.



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian's Web site, www.kstatecollegian.com.

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Graduate School will present the final doctoral dissertation of Sonia Esquivel, Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Bluemont 21. The topic will be "Latino/a Students' Perceptions of Their Sense of Belonging at Amabo State University: Mi Casa Es Su Casa ... Or Is It Really?"

Late entries for intramural softball will be accepted through today by 5 p.m. in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Eric Bernard, associate professor of landscape architecture, will present "A Sense of Where We Are: Geographic Information Science and Systems" in Union 212, Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Peters Recreation Complex is hosting a high ropes challenge on March 29 at the K-State Challenge Course 4-7:30 p.m. For more information and to sign up, call the administrative office at the Rec at 785-532-6980.

Recreational Services personal trainers are offering beginner's running workshop at 5 p.m. and advanced workshop at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Sign up for the free class in the rec office by calling 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the defense of doctoral dissertation by Yared Assefa titled "Grain Sorghum in the Hybrid Era, 1957-2008: Yield with Hybrid Advancement and Improved Agronomic Practices." It will be held April 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Throckmorton 2002.

March is National Nutrition Month. Purchase a nutritional analysis at Peters Recreation Complex during the month of March for half price. Student price is \$7.50, and the fee is \$10 for Rec members.

Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex. Call 785-532-6980 for more information.

Powercat Financial Counseling hosts Walk-in Financial Friday from 9-11 a.m. in the Office of Student Activities and Services, ground floor of the Union. No appointment necessary. Come in and ask peer financial counselors your quick money questions every Friday morning until April 30.

The Student Homecoming Committee is now seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the K-State Alumni Center or complete one online at k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due at 5 p.m. today.

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday - "Google Wave"

Information Technology Teaching and Learning will offer the following sessions: Thursday - "A Sense of Where We Are: Geographic Information Science and Systems" April 22 - "Show ME, Don't Tell ME!" All events are from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Bethaney Wallace at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity. Confirmation will not be provided.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Collegian would like to clarify that Black-Jew Dialogues will perform March 31 in Forum Hall at 6 p.m. The Collegian regrets the omission. There was an error in yesterday's Collegian. The comic was by Erin Logan, not Ginger Pugh. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Bethaney Wallace at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.



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Community Readiness Communications: Accurate Messages in Times of Crisis

March 25-26, 2010 — K-State Alumni Center

Thursday, March 25

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.: *Covering Haiti*

Robert Little, Reporter, The Baltimore Sun, Baltimore, Md.
Mark Johnson, Reporter, The Raleigh News & Observer, The Charlotte Observer, N.C.
Ray Rivera, Staff Writer, The New York Times, New York, N.Y.
Jeff Newton, Producer, 60 Minutes, New York, N.Y.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: *Disaster on a Deadline: Media and Disaster Preparedness*

Monica Schneider, TV Anchor/Reporter, CLTV Chicago
Kelly Furnas, Editorial Advisor, Virginia Tech
Dewey Terrill, News Director, 1420 KJCK, Junction City, Kan.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.: *Community Issues: The Science/Health/Bio and Agro-Security Beat*

Bill Felber, Executive Editor, The Manhattan Mercury, Manhattan, Kan.
Scott Canon, Reporter, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Kan.
Dr. Jerry Jaax, Associate Vice President for Research Compliance and University Veterinarian, Kansas State University

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.: *Health and Safety: How to Give and Get Accurate Information in a Crisis*

Dana Wethington, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross, Topeka, Kan.
Susanne Kufahl, Public Information Officer, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department
Sharon Watson, Public Affairs Director, Kansas Adjutant General's Department

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.: *The Personal Face of Tragedy*

Jim and Cindy Butler, Parents of Sgt. Jacob Lee Butler, Wellsville, Kan.
Dr. Briana Nelson Goff, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Professor, Kansas State University

Friday, March 26

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.: *Media and the Military: National Security, Terrorism & Preparedness*

Deb Skidmore, Media Relations Officer, Fort Riley, Kan.
Steve Hebert, Photojournalist, Kansas City, Kan.
Jeff Newton, Producer, 60 Minutes, New York, N.Y.

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.: *Keynote Speaker*

Deborah Potter, President and Executive Director, NewsLab, Washington, D.C.

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AWKWARD GRAD

Plotting trees in the sky while lying on the beach



“Does everything look grainy to you?”

“Grainy?” I asked. “Like textured?”

“Yeah,” she said.

“Ha, no,” I laughed at first. “Does it to you?”

“Well ... a little.”

“That’s so sad,” I said, but still it was hard not to laugh. She might have hit me on the arm here, but it’s difficult to recall.

We were lying on the gray beach of a lonely harbor on the backside of a lovely island. The fire beside us was dying out, not because it had been burning for hours and hours, but because I’m terrible at making fires and this was no exception. The sun was drowning in the Pacific now and we were alone.

I looked up at the sky, scanning each inch of it slowly, looking for things that were never there.

“Do you know any constellations?” I said, diverting her.

“Just Cassiopeia.” She pointed. “Not really. I know the shapes of some and could point them out but I don’t know what they are.”

“Do you see the tree there?” I asked her. For the next couple minutes I traced out a giant tree in the night sky. “It’s your tree.” And I named it after her.

Of course when you’re lying down in the sand and someone is sitting beside you looking through a different perspective, no amount of pointing and referencing other stars or the moon or the cliffs or the sea can get your imagination across.

“What are you talking about?” She didn’t see it.

The fact that the nearest night light was miles upon miles away allowing for every star in the sky to be displayed distinctly, proudly even, made describing a single star or a set of stars nearly impossible.

“The tree, girl. It’s right there,” I pointed. “See the trunk that stems up from Orion’s top left shoulder and it goes up and branches out. Do you see the leaves there now?”

She laughed. “Where?”

I tried referencing it differently but really the same and came to the same conclusion.

She laughed again, “I don’t see any tree.”

“It’s there. And it’s yours.”

“There’s a ‘V’. See that plane?” She put it simply. “Go up and to the left of it a little.” She showed me with her hand.

“Ha! Yeah.” Sure enough, almost as if God had stenciled it there moments before, there was a bright shining “V” staring right at us.

“See how easy that was?”

“Well fine...” I waited for the plane. “Now. The plane is right in the center of the tree trunk. See? And then you go up and to the right and there’s the rest of it.”

By this time I was almost convinced, too, that there was no tree, but maybe, just maybe, those were the stars her eyes could not see.

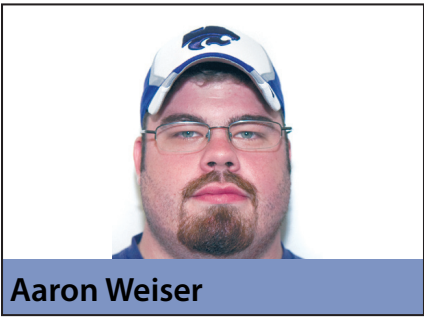
She’ll never see her own tree. I’d say something sad in Spanish here but I haven’t the tongue for it.

At night, on the ocean, some things can be seen and some can be heard. Some things exist that never should, and others disappear without a second thought. People become people, and a free-ranging raven is always a welcomed friend. When the waves whisper sweet lullabies to your dying eyes and your mind is empty and everything you knew before no longer exists it’s hard not to find your self smiling and saying goodbye to those who were never really there in the first place. And when you do fall asleep and dream of nothing, you’ll often wonder if you’ve ever really been awake.

Our minds waned as the cold ocean air settled in. We dusted the sand from our socks outside the tent and said goodnight.

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A little drink goes a long way



Cooking food is a passion. As with any passion-driven activity, there is always room for creative exploration with cooking. Whether searching out fresh new produce to liven up dishes or a mysterious herb to give a full, robust flavor to foods, cooks all over enjoy finding new and delicious ways to serve up the classics.

One of the most incredible ways to put some new life into food is to add a little alcohol into the cooking process. No matter the level of comfort in the kitchen, any cook can accomplish wonders with a level head and a little guidance.

Adding alcohol into food is like enjoying a favorite drink within the meal. Whether enjoying a nice red wine or a rich stout beer, there are plenty of ways to learn to use these ingredients to make food pop. Bolder flavors can be achieved by using hard liquor to spice up the dish. With greater alcohol content, they are flammable and should be treated responsibly and with great caution.

Beers are great for cooking with. They give a full, rich flavor to foods similar to that of stock or wine. With a wide array of imported and domestic beers, the best to cook with seem to be the darker, stouter beers. Fairly priced around \$8-\$10 for a six-pack, most dark imported beers are great for the kitchen. Taste them and if you like them, try them out in the kitchen.

A nice bottle of wine is a treat for almost any meal. While wine connoisseurs can spend their entire lives pairing the perfect wine with food, it all comes down to personal taste.

The golden rule is to use a wine that you would drink to cook with. If you wouldn’t consider having a glass of that bottle, don’t let it touch your food. You will not enjoy it and neither will anyone else. Avoid bottles labeled cooking wine, as they are generally loaded with salts for cooking.

A good bottle of wine can be found for anywhere around \$10-\$20. While there are cheaper bottles, I have found that something that costs around \$15 is great for a nice meal. A more fanciful taste can cost upwards of hundreds of dollars and would seem inappropriate for adding to a pan.

When using wine or beer, the best way to incorporate them is by making a sauce or a soup to go with a main dish. Use the alcohols after sautéing vegetables or searing meat by adding them to the hot pan. The alcohol content will reduce the longer the dishes are cooked and will be more potent the stronger the drink chosen.

Try a potato soup or cheese soup by adding in a bottle of stout beer in place of some of the stock or water.

When using hard liquor, it is extremely important to be responsible. Liquors have some of the most distinct flavors, but disaster can strike if you are unprepared. Adding alcohol to a source of heat can lead to a large open flame which may not be a good idea in a small kitchen, especially in an apartment.

Using rum inside desserts is a lovely way to add spice. Flambé is another way to knock out that sweet tooth. Flaming foods with alcohol provides a great amount of flavor without the harshness of drinking it down. Be aware of the audience, however, large amounts of alcoholic-injected foods aren’t good for all ages.

Alcoholic beverages are an extremely versatile ingredient and can be used in both savory and sweet dishes. If you are



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Top: Aaron Weiser, senior in economics, holds a flaming pan out in front of him after having an assistant help ignite the evaporated alcohol.

Left: Wine and beer are types of alcohol that can be cooked into food without needing to be burnt off.

Middle Right: A skillet steams as wine is cooked down into pieces of chicken.

Bottom Right: Having someone else assist in igniting the pan, Weiser prepares for the flames to erupt.

bored in the kitchen and looking to impress or just challenge yourself, try exploring the whole other side of alcohol: the flavors, without the effects.

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For more information on cooking times while using alcohol visit us online at kstatecollegian.com.

STREET TALK

Q: What do you cook regularly?



“ I cook with herbs, garlic and dill. ”

Abigail Polys
Senior, fine arts



“ I love to cook with chili powder! ”

Anna Knackstedt
Junior, political science



“ I like to sauté a lot of things with olive oil. ”

Kirk Chonis
Graduate student, architecture



“ I grill mostly with Worcester Sauce and lemon pepper. ”

Scott Gibson
Graduate student, architecture

Blowing Steam



Political radicalism disturbing, goes too far



David Rose

Politics often bring out the worst in people, and apparently nothing is more political than health care.

This past year has seen a steady growth of radical groups and protests. It began when President Barack Obama announced his historic push for health care reform. When senators and representatives from Congress held conventions and town hall meetings, protesters came in force, shouting down their congressmen and women and preventing serious debate. This was just the beginning of a campaign to derail health care reform.

Most recently, and perhaps most disturbingly, Tea Party protesters started yelling racial and homophobic epithets at members of Congress. As they walked to the president's speech urging them to vote in favor of health care reform on Saturday, black congressmen and women and one of the few openly gay members of Congress, Barney Frank, were hit with language befitting only the most degenerate of our society.

Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., then went on C-SPAN's Washington Journal and said: "Yeah, well I think that when you use totalitarian tactics, people, you know, begin to act crazy. I think, you know, there's people that have every right to say what they want. If they want to smear someone, they can do it." Though he went on to say the comments were inappropriate, he should never have condoned such behavior.

Yet again on Sunday, one Tea Party protester resorted to the

tactic of shouting and yelling at Congress while it was in session. Jonathan Cohn of The New Republic reported that as the Congressional clerks took the man out of the viewing gallery, several Republicans stood and cheered the man on. Later, as Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., who strongly opposed pro-choice language in the health care bill and only recently decided to support reform, rose to speak against an amendment, an unidentified Republican yelled "baby killer" at him.

This needs to stop. No one is ever justified in using racist or homosexual epithets, but it is especially appalling to do so toward a member of Congress. Furthermore, members of Congress should never condone the radical behavior of such fringe groups, even if it wins them favor or a few votes. But our situation appears to be a vicious circle, one where the Tea Party and the Republicans feed off each other's increasingly radical rhetoric.

When former governor of Alaska Sarah Palin said, "It's revolution time," she made something completely irrational seem justified. When Republican leaders in Congress called Obama a "socialist," they confirmed the Tea Party's worst fear. Then, when protesters vilified Obama and the Democrats for moving ahead with health care reform, Republicans took it as a cue to do exactly the same. Thus, the vicious circle completes itself.

There is, of course, a place in our political system for debate. And a place for free speech. And a place for people to disagree. But there is no place for shouting over speeches. No unfounded claims of tyranny. No racial and homosexual epithets. These don't make our political society healthy and are the most sickening of all.

David Rose is a freshman in political science. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu

Improv can save the day



Jillian Aramowicz

When I was 11, I went to a Wednesday night youth group, mostly for the free snacks at the end. There was one night when our youth pastor gave a lesson about guilt and forgiveness and we were all trying to kill time until the pizza guy came. Unfortunately, Pastor Shawn wouldn't let anyone get up until someone came forward with some small infraction they had committed and speak in front of the group. Of course, everyone felt really awkward, and no one spoke up. Finally, the pizza delivery came and we still weren't allowed to eat it. Being the frustrated smart-aleck 6th grader I was, I raised my hand to confess my guilt. When Pastor Shawn called on me, I shot him a very dry look and whispered, "I cheat on my taxes" and motioned everyone to get up for the pizza. All the adults laughed hysterically and didn't withhold the snacks any longer. I felt like I had succeeded. Indeed, I had. The theory behind this all boils down to one principle: improvisation. If someone needs to lighten the mood, change the tone, or fix an issue, no matter how large or small the situation, improvise. I'm currently convinced this is one of the best ways to survive college.

Although that was just a small anecdotal example of improvising, life never works how it's supposed to. It's always wise to plan for the unexpected and to expect something totally different to happen. There is no place better than college to figure out the shrewd way of the cruel world, which is why sometimes the best way to get through a tough week or a stressful day is to simply assume the road less travelled might be the one you will be navigating for awhile. If you can weather the storms of unpredictability, it will get you farther in life than trying to fix every problem you incur.

There are all sorts of ways we improvise in our day-to-day lives. Many have created a unique lunch or supper with whatever ingredients were in their house or apartment. Life is much easier when you can think on your feet and act on your will, but most of the time, it seems like this practice is only used for small, inherently unimportant situations.

Would it not be easier to think of a new plan, to move on with a different idea, when something big and impactful doesn't go our way? For instance, I know I am going to have to move next year. I spent about four days stressing out over this, since I had already made several arrangements to stay and pay for my current apartment. Really, the inspiration for this article came when I was moping on my floor, watching bad TV when I thought to myself, "Why are you sitting around worrying about this? You unexpectedly lost your apartment. So what? Start looking somewhere else." I may be out a little money and energy, but right at that moment, worrying about insignificant details was not going to get me anywhere except kicked out of my hotel-room sized living space. Now was the time to improvise and start looking for something different.

I'm certainly not advocating we should forget all our plans and go with the flow 100 percent of the time. Making preparations and planning ahead is always a responsible idea, but unfortunately, things in life don't always go how everyone expects them to (see Northern Iowa v. KU, March 18, 2010).

Having a backup plan or simply having the guts to make a new plan on the spot is a concept that would help both the stress and the social stamina of everyone in a college culture.

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Moral integrity demands social justice



Myles Ikenberry

Most human beings share a deep concern for the well-being of society's most vulnerable members, particularly the young. Accordingly, Democrats and Republicans agree that providing protection and care for needy children is an appropriate function of the government. However, there are disagreements about which laws and policies are appropriate methods for accomplishing this universally accepted goal.

Democrats support both strong social programs and a woman's right to decide when an abortion is in the best interest of her family. Republicans oppose both social spending and abortion rights. For a member of the Roman Catholic Church, neither party has the desired combination of pro-life and economically just policies. On these issues, the positions of Democrats have a higher moral and logical consistency, and thus more effectively serve the interests of the children who need help the most.

For more than 100 years, popes have supported labor movements and political policies designed to improve the plight of the poor and create a more equitable distribution of wealth in capitalist societies. These pursuits have not always

been appreciated, and many Catholics have been targets of enmity and violence. In the words of Archbishop Hélder Câmara, "When I feed the poor they call me a saint, but when I ask why the poor are hungry, they call me a communist."

According to Feeding America, more than 3 million children live in U.S. households that regularly endure hunger, skipped meals and a shortage of nutritional food. Severe financial troubles are also hitting public education, and the situation will continue to get worse if economic stimulus funds continue to be diverted elsewhere. These are tragedies even in strictly economic terms. Investing in children makes financial sense because research has shown that kids who go without proper nutrition, medical care or education end up earning less and contributing less to society than their peers. Refusing to invest in the people who will become the future of our economy is not only immoral, it's illogical.

Our president's once aggressive campaign for bottom-up economic improvements has been largely derailed by his zealous ideological opponents, who call President Barack Obama a radical socialist and deem his campaign for social justice a threat to the most important values of our country. But if we are not dedicated to helping the poor and their children, then what values do we have? How long can our nation pray at the golden altar of supply-side economics and ignore the ancient call from religion to treat the lowliest among us with love and generosity?

There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that economic sacrifice to benefit the poor is one of the most sacred duties of the righteous. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "We cannot remain passive before certain processes of globalization which not infrequently increase the gap between rich and poor worldwide. We must denounce those who squander the earth's riches, provoking inequalities that cry out to heaven."

Republicans who truly wish to serve God and their country should look deep inside themselves and decide if they are truly pro-life and pro-children, or only when it is convenient and inexpensive. Although I don't agree with the Catholic Church denying the right of parents to limit the size of their families using over-the-counter birth control, I respect it because it is accompanied by an unwavering dedication to the promotion of social justice. It is very easy for Republicans to picket with condescending pro-life signs and self-righteously declare their moral superiority and indignation to the world. It is not nearly so easy for them to willingly accept higher taxes, smaller houses, less expensive cars and less exotic vacations. Republicans should choose the more difficult path and admit that there is nothing moral or logical in forcing a woman to have a baby she cannot support and then abandoning them to poverty.

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POLICE REPORT

Roommates' alleged dispute ends in injury

Hannah Blick | COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan man was arrested Tuesday morning for allegedly injuring his roommate with a knife, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The RCPD received a call at 1 a.m. on Tuesday and went to the location, said RCPD Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr.

The suspect, Eugenio Donato, 26, of 413 Redwood Place, and his roommate, Alex Ortiz, 22, had gotten into a dispute and a knife came into play. Ortiz received minor lacerations but refused medical treatment, according to Crosby.

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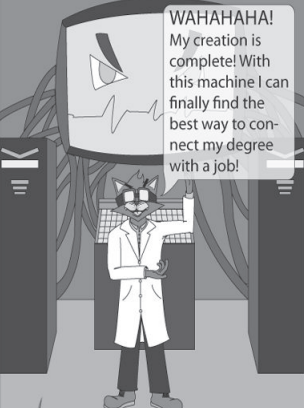
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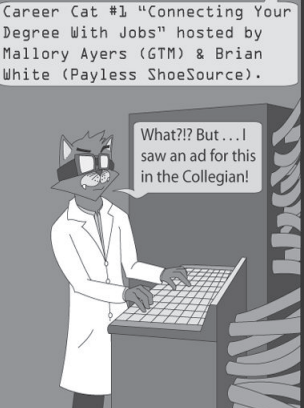
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Off the Court

Catching up with former Wildcat Cartier Martin

Cartier Martin was a forward on the K-State men's basketball team from 2003-07. During his career as a Wildcat, Martin scored 1,546 total points, which ranks sixth in school history. The Collegian recently caught up with Martin to discuss a variety of topics, including his experiences with the NBA developmental league's Iowa Energy.

playing well. I'm looking forward to them getting that win over Xavier on Thursday.

Q: I know you never had him as a head coach, but what do you remember from your year with Frank Martin?

A: Oh man, coach Martin is great. He's a very intense coach. He's very hard-nosed and just a great coach. Brings out the best in his guys.

Q: Is there anyone on this year's team that you've been able to stay in touch with?

A: Other than the guys on the coaching staff, I really only played with one of those guys there, which is Chris Merriewether. He doesn't get a lot of time, but he is a key player for them in practice and getting them readied up and focused for games. He's a very hard-nosed defensive player. He fouls a lot, which helps the player be able to play through the contact of college ball. They let them play a little bit more than they would in the NBA. A lot of those calls don't go your way in the college game, so Chris Merriewether is a great assistance to the K-State Wildcats, offensively and defensively as well.

Q: How about the guys you played with? Do you talk to them much?

A: Oh yea. I talked to Akeem [Wright] the other day. Akeem, he's over in the Middle East playing. Lance [Harris] is in Greece right now. I actually keep up with Jeremiah Massey. He's one of my good friends now. He was over there playing at beginning of this season. He's been doing very well throughout the year. Another guy that's not playing any more is Clint Stewart. I think he's getting into his career. He's starting his profession. All of those guys, they're doing really well for themselves.

Q: You were here for the one year that Bob Huggins was here, and a lot of people credit that as the season that turned the program around. How does it feel to be a part of that foundation, especially with how the team is doing now?

A: Oh man, it's great. Huggins came in, and he did a very good job of bringing in some great fans to some games and kept turning the program around. We were headed that way a little bit before he got there, but when he came in, he did a very good job of making guys better and getting the best out of guys. I think we were a tournament team that year, we just didn't get in there. A couple tough losses at the beginning of the season kind of hurt us, but for the most part, I think we were a tournament-based team. We just didn't get our shot.

Q: What do you think is going to happen tomorrow against Xavier?

A: Of course, I think my guys are going to go out there and they're going to take care of business. I think Clemente and Pullen on the wings, they're going to do a great job opening the floor up for those guys down low – Samuels and Sutton. They'll do well on the inside, getting those little put-backs and getting off-fensive rebounds and defensive rebounds. Xavier's not going to be able to hang in there with them. I'm calling it a 10-point game for K-State.

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-Compiled by Justin Nutter

Nutter's Midweek Musings



Justin Nutter

Wednesday conundrums while the men's basketball team prepares for its first Sweet 16 game since 1988.

- Seriously, how awesome has this season been? If you would have told me five years ago that K-State would be a top-10 team and a national title contender, I would have told you to lay off the purple Kool-Aid.

- Forgive me for getting a little geeked out, but it's hard not to when the Wildcats haven't been in this situation since I was five months old. I'm not sure even I understand how big of a deal this really is sometimes.

- If there was even an ounce of doubt concerning Manhattan's support of this team, it was soundly put to rest at Monday's pep rally. If you couldn't make it, it's a crying shame. Given just one day's notice, thousands of fans showed up at Bramlage Coliseum. Best fan base in the conference? I think so.

- I totally understand how long of a trip it is, but I sure hope to see plenty of Wildcat faithful in EnergySolutions Arena tomorrow night. The traveling fan base has been incredible this season. As Chris Merriewether told the audience on Monday, the Big 12 tournament and NCAA first and second rounds were no different than a bunch of home games.

- I've got to admit, seeing K-State fans and Northern Iowa fans come together last weekend in Oklahoma City was absolutely fantastic. Both decked out in purple, both screaming their lungs out, both celebrating the downfall of mighty KU. No disrespect to the Jayhawks, but what's not to love?

- If you're reading this on Wednesday, there's a good chance I'm in a car on my way to Salt Lake City. I can't think of a much better reason for a 15-hour drive. Hopefully I'll have to plan a trip to Indianapolis when I get back (knock on wood).

- As Frank Martin has said so many times, the Wildcats will continue to live by their "one game at a time" mentality until the season is over, and Thursday's game is one even the most timid fans should be stoked for.

- K-State coaches and players all seem to be well aware that Xavier has improved immensely since the teams met in Manhattan last December, and they're absolutely right to think so. At the time, the Musketeers were still learning under a first-year head coach. Take a look at what they've done since then, and the comparison is almost night and day.

- That being said, this isn't the same Wildcat team that took the floor that night, either. That team was littered with inexperienced freshmen and a transfer forward but still won by 15 points. Both teams have come a long way, but it's hard not to give the edge to K-State in round two.

- Regardless if Thursday proves to be the end of the road or not – believe me, I hope it doesn't – this will go down in my book as one of the most memorable seasons I've ever witnessed. I hope it does for all of you as well.

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BASEBALL

K-State pitching staff keep Newman at bay

Blake Thorson | COLLEGIAN

K-State baseball continued to take care of business with a 7-1 victory over the Newman University Jets out of Wichita at Tointon Family Stadium. The Wildcats have now won seven of their last eight on their ongoing 12-game home stand and pushed their record to 16-3 on the season.

Tuesday's contest was never in doubt as K-State struck for five runs in the bottom half of the second inning and the pitching staff surrendered only one run on the evening.

Sophomore left-hander Kyle Hunter notched his fourth win on the season pitching two scoreless innings while giving up two hits and fanning two on the night. K-State used an arsenal of six pitchers the rest of the evening to handcuff the Jets.

At the dish, sophomore Jake Brown gave the Wildcats a 2-0 lead in the second with a two-run single after two singles and a walk loaded the bases. After Brown stole second, senior third baseman Adam Muenster continued his hot hitting with another two-run single extending the lead to 4-0. Muenster had the highlight of the evening as he stole home with two outs to give the purple and white a 5-0 lead.

That would be all the help the K-State pitching staff

would need as a combination of Justin Lindsey, Kayvon Bahramzadeh, Tyler Giannonatti, Tyler Sturges, Jake Doller and Matt Applegate limited the Jets to only one run on five hits the rest of the way.

In the fifth, freshman Blair DeBord and sophomore Mike Kindel led off the innings with consecutive walks. After a failed hit-and-run retired DeBord at third and junior Kent Urban was retired, Kindel advanced to third on a wild pitch, sophomore Matt Giller laid a bunt down the third base line to score Kindel. After Giller stole second, Brown struck again with an RBI-single through the right side to cap off the Wildcats scoring for the evening.

The Jets got a single run off Sturges in the seventh but it was too little, too late. Doller and Applegate finished off Newman with a pair of scoreless innings in the eighth and ninth.

Brown finished the evening 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a stolen base. Urban, Giller and sophomore Nick Martini also posted two-hit games. K-State added to its Big 12-leading stolen base total with five on the night, including two from Big 12-leader Carter Jurica.

K-State begins Big 12 Conference play on Friday with a three-game series against Oklahoma State. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Tointon Family Stadium.



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responsible for conducting inspections of restaurants in Manhattan and about 297 other licensed facilities around town, lodging inspections, conducting temporary food/special event inspections, and cereal malt beverages permit inspections.

“We are very thinly staffed; I just can’t do this without any assistance,” Murphy said.

Mayor Bob Strawn

said, “My gut tells me we have to fund this health inspector, but we can’t make that decision tonight because it’s a budgetary item.”

Next the city commission heard the first reading of ordinances annexing and rezoning Grande Bluffs at Mill Pointe.

Grande Bluffs is about 60 acres located south of the existing dead-end of Leone Ridge Drive.

The site is currently zoned as a general agriculture district, but is planned to be rezoned as a single-family residential district.

The commission approved the annexation and rezoning.

Lastly, Jason Hilgers, assistant city manager, looked for approval from the commission to finalize the design for the roundabout

monument on Fourth Street and Bluemont Avenue.

All commissioners except for Bruce Snead agreed they were not in support of this monument because of bad timing; commissioners said the city would not be able to finance the structure right now because of the economy’s poor condition.

Commissioner Jayme Morris-Hardeman said she is willing to support the construction on this monument “in a couple of years, as the economy improves.”

The motion failed.

The next meeting will be held a week from now, in City Hall.

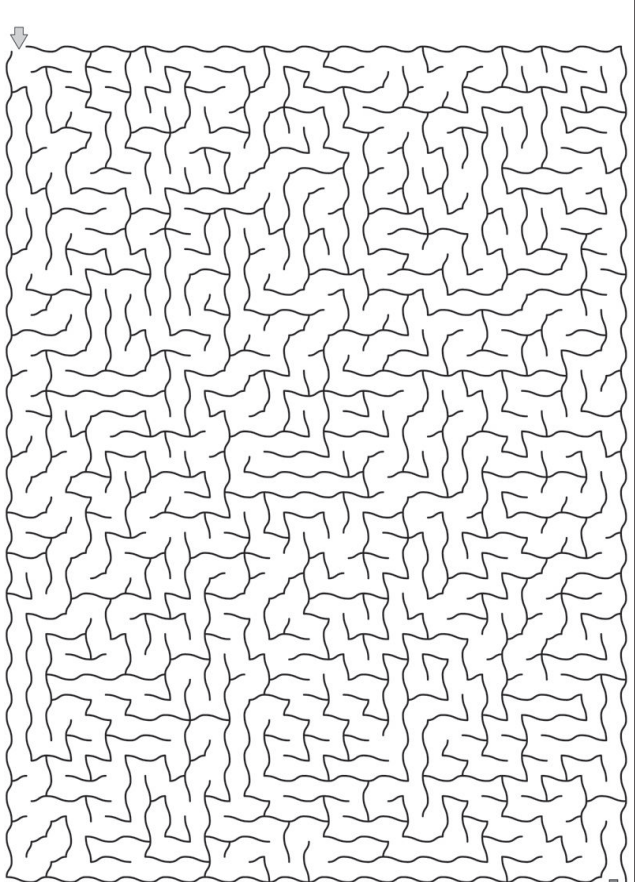
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